## . the Huskies Leader

## From Brad Best, Superintendent...

## To our parents and supporters,

Classes are off to a quick and smooth start for the 2016-17 school year. We are looking forward to great things! It's a great time to be a Huskie!

## Budget

The school board has approved the budget for the 2016-17 school year and for the third year in a row, is asking
 for fewer tax dollars than the year prior. We will pay off our bonds this fall, which will reduce the levy, as well.

| Tax Asking | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
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| General Fund | $\$ 4,388,619$ | $\$ 4,391,581$ | $\$ 4,252,170$ | $\$ 3,855,800$ |
| Special Building Fund | $\$ 155,572$ | $\$ 39,839$ | $\$ 69,192$ | $\$ 63,636$ |
| Qualified Capital Expense Fund | $\$ 143,820$ | $\$ 206,778$ | $\$ 209,369$ | $\$ 0$ |
| Total Tax Asking | $\$ 4,688,011$ | $\$ 4,638,198$ | $\$ 4,530,731$ | $\$ 3,919,436$ |

The savings over the last few years is largely due to the turnover in staff. We will continue to be fiscally responsible moving forward, but I would anticipate that there will be fewer changes among our staff over the next few years.

## Courtyards

Our courtyard renovations are nearly complete and teachers and students have begun using the spaces for outdoor learning activities. On October I4th, we are hosting Homecoming and would like to use this evening as an opportunity to open the spaces and provide a tour to all those interested. We will begin a short program at 6:15 PM and provide information until 7:00. We will have the courtyards open until just after sunset so as to allow you to see them lit up at night. Funds for the creation of these outdoor classrooms came from the special building fund and a grant.
Please join us on the evening of October 14th for volleyball, a tour, and the football game!


Students helped with different phases of the renovation while learning about landscaping from Travis Friesen of Friesen Landscaping.


The plant science students gathered soil samples to send infor analysis. The results will be used to prepare their crop plot for spring planting.


An overbead view of the East courtyard.

## HEARTLAND FBLA KICKS OFF A NEW YEAR

The Heartland FBLA chapter kicked off a new year on August 22 with our annual magazine sales fundraiser. Our fundraiser was very successful this year as we increased sales by over fifty percent from last year. Thank you to all who purchased magazine subscriptions to support our organization.

The officers for this year are: President Leslie Braun, Vice President Brooke Weisheit, Secretary Isabelle Vanderneck, Treasurer Aaron Buller, News Reporter Brittany Quiring, Historian Sadie Carr, and Committee Rep. Colton Monnier.
Heartland FBLA is excited to announce our new members: Juniors Nyamuol Koang, and Josh Waldron; Sophomore Jade Hiebner; and Freshmen Timberly Carr,
Rachael Dente, Grace Janzen, Allison Kroeker, Odessa Ohrt, Harmon Perez, Halle Peters, Kalea Wetjen, and Rhianna Wilhelm.
The returning members are: Seniors Ethan Hall, Megan Kroeker, Mark Perez, and Ellie Steingard; Juniors Hayes Oswald, Kristan Perez, Bailey Peters, Jaden Regier and Alexa Siebert; Sophomores Kate Bergen, Audric Bulin, and Kristina Rowe. Our organization is sponsored by business teacher, Mrs. Kristy Most.

The Nebraska FBLA Fall Leadership Conference in Lincoln was on September 28.

## 2016-17 FBLA Officers



Back Row; L to R: Brittany 2uiring, Colton Monnier, Aaron Buller © Isabelle Vanderneck. Front Row; L to R: Leslie Braun, Brooke Weisheit \& Sadie Carr.

## Up Coming Tests at HCS

- ACT October 22
- ASVAB - Date in October/November TBA. For juniors or seniors. Find out more at: http://official-asvab.com.
- PSAT/NMSQT - Oct. 20 from 8:30 11:30. For juniors and eligible sophomores. Cost is $\$ 15$. Find out more at www.psat.org/start.


Congratulations to Ethan Hall! Ethan was named as a "Commended" student by the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Receiving this award means Ethan is in the top $5 \%$ of students in the nation according to his score on the PSAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Congratulations Ethan!


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## Heartland Band Received First Place At Applejack Parade



The Heartland Huskies Band received First Place in class C and D at the annual Applejack Parade which was held Saturday September 17th at Nebraska City. Elmwood-Murdock was second and Palmyra High School was third.

In Class A and B, Blair was first, Syracuse second and Bennington third. There was also a junior high division. Blair received first place, Gretna second place and Syracuse third. The parade is held on historic Central Avenue from 16th to 6th Street. The adjudicators were stationed across from the courthouse on ith and Central Ave.

The Festival is built around apples and features apple doughnuts, apple pancakes, and various kind of caramel apples. There was also a small carnival and many craft booths.

It was good to see so many Heartland people who made the long trip to Nebraska City.



L to R: Isabelle Vanderneck, Kyle Ott, Brittany 2uiring, Etban Hall $\mathrm{O}^{2}$ Noab Hiebner.

## The Quiz Bowl Team has their first Competition

A few members of the Heartland quiz bowl team went to their first competition of the season! Isabelle Vanderneck, Kyle Ott, Brittany Quiring, Ethan Hall, and Noah Hiebner faced 5 different teams at the Literature Bowl in Seward, NE. With 8 rounds of play, the team won 5 taking home 4 th place out of 12 teams. The quiz bowl will compete again on October 19th.

## UPCOMING DATES

October 1, 2016
Harvest of Harmony
March@ 10:20/Band\#205
October 3, 2006
School Pictures
October 7, 2016
Parent-Teacher Conferences 8-Noon

October 7, 2016 NO SCHOOL

## October 10, 2016

School Board Meeting @ 8:oopm

## October 10-14, 2016

Homecoming Week
October 14, 2016
Courtyard Opening at 6:15 PM
Homecoming Dance
October 22, 2016 Act Test

October 24, 2016 NO SCHOOL
Teacher Professional Development

## October 28,2016

One Act Community Performance
@ 6:oopm

October 27-31, 2016
National FFA Convention


Husker Harvest Days


FFA volunteers time at theState Fair to help judge


FFA attends Livestock Friendly ceremony in York

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## Husker Harvest Days

On September 14th the Heartland FFA chapter went to Husker Harvest days to learn about new farming equipment, new hybrids of seed, and the various careers in the agricultural pathway. This gives us the chance to look and learn about how they work and how they can be applied to their lives if they choose agriculture as a career.

While walking around looking at the new technology, we were to complete a scavenger hunt. This hunt required us to walk around and talk to the Vendors or Representatives and take "selfies" with new equipment, food, or natural resources. Not only did we have to take pictures, we had to talk to one of the representatives about the products offered at their booth.

When the scavenger hunt was finished, we were to show the UNL booth our pictures in order to receive a Free $t$-shirt. Then we had the rest of the day to eat, explore and buy souvenirs if we wanted.

## FFA helps pick apples for Heritage Days



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## Heritage Days 2016



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## 5th Grade Attends Kindness Retreat

The 5 th graders attended the kindness retreat which is a day full of kindness put on by a non-profit organization called Youth Frontiers out of Minneapolis, MN. Their aim is to make kindness contagious in school.



## Back to School Night Highlight:

"Summer Reading Challenge" winners turned Ms. Houck into a Principal Sundae! Approximately 25 students enjoyed pouring chocolate syrup, strawberry syrup, caramel sauce, butterscotch topping, whipped cream, and even M\&Ms on Ms. Houck. These students not only participated in the Summer Reading Program, but completed the reading challenge for 5 out of the 6 weeks. These students were also eligible to attend the Summer Reading Trip; younger students went to the Lincoln Children's Zoo and older students went to Island Oasis.

Starting the school year with a bang: Our teachers did some great things! It was fun to see so many smiling faces back on school grounds. Some activities students participated in on the first day were: shooting off rockets, a scavenger hunt, small group challenges, story time by the teacher, they learned a little bit more about their teachers, classmates and themselves, and many other fun activities.

## Preschool News:

## Ch.I.L.D. Day Provided by Heartland Community School

The Heartland Community School is setting aside a special time for parents of children age 5 and below to participate in Ch.I.L.D. Day, which stands for Childhood Information on Language and Development. Just as parents take their young children to the doctor for medical check-ups, the school can provide to parents the services of a
"developmental wellness visit". The early childhood personnel at the school can provide current and useful information to parents concerning the early development of their baby, toddler, or preschooler.
Ch.I.L.D. Day is a childfind effort conducted by the Heartland Community School District. School districts are required to conduct childfind activities to ensure that young children who need early intervention services are identified. Involvement in Ch.I.L.D. Day is a free, completely voluntary service and is conducted in a confidential manner.
Ch.I.L.D. Day is set for Friday, October 2I from 8:ooam-4:oop.m. For babies and toddlers under age 3, we will be meeting in family homes so that the children will feel more comfortable in their natural environment. For children ages $3^{-5}$, we will be meeting in the Heartland Preschool room at the school.

Interested parents who live in the Heartland School District can call the school office in Henderson to register for a time slot when the early intervention specialists can meet with their child. Parents will be able to ask questions about their child's development, complete a developmental checklist, and have their child play and interact informally with adults knowledgeable about young children. Further information may need to be gathered at a later time if the parents and school staff see any concerns. Parental permission is required for any further evaluation.
The Heartland Community School wishes to extend this invitation as one way of providing support and information to parents of young children in our district. Again, parents of young children in the Heartland school district are invited to call the school at 402-723-4434 to register for Ch.I.L.D. Day.

## School Closing Information

As the winter approaches, occasional bad weather necessitates the closing of school for the safety of our students. School closing information will be announced over the radio station KAWL (1370) and television stations KHAS,KLKN, NTV and KOLN. We also use an automated phone message service through School Reach which we will use to contact parents about school closings as well. With this service it is very important that we have current contact numbers on file. Please call the school office if anything changes.
You may also call our school closing phone line at 402-723-4421. If a decision has been made the night before, the closing will be announced around 10:00PM. In the mornings it will be announced on the half hour from 6:30AM to 8:00AM. If you prefer an app or text alert, please download the schoolmessenger info center app and follow the instructions. You can set your alert preferences to your liking. You must use the email associated with our records in the Powerschool system.



All School Pictures Will Be Taken On October 3, 2016
Modern Images will be taking school pictures again this year. All students in grades Pre-K-12th grade will be photographed on Monday, October 3 from 9:30-1:00pm on the old stage. Packets for ordering photos have been sent home with each student. If you did not receive a packet you may pick one up at the school office.

## Annual Notice to Parents:

## Right to Request Teacher Qualifications

Our district receives federal funds for Title I programs that are part of the No Cbild Left Behind Act of 2001.
Your have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district or school will provide you with the following as soon as possible:
I. If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction;
2. If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived;
3. The type of college degree major the teacher has and the field of discipline for any graduate degree or certificate; and
4. If your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals and, if so, his/her qualifications.
If you would like to request this information, please contact your child's school.

## Talking to your Children about Lunch

It is important to discuss school lunch with your student
-What do you plan on eating this week?
-The menu says tater-tot casserole on Monday; did you know that has potato tots, beef, cheese, and your choice of corn or green beans in it?
-Will you be eating the hot item on Thursday? Your other choice is either a yogurt OR a cheese stick?
-What items will you eat off the salad bar?
-Would you rather have me pack you a lunch for Friday? Many students are eating what most would consider a snack during lunchtime.

Please speak to your student(s) about lunch so that they are prepared to make better choices through the lunch line or so that a lunch can be prepared and brought to school.


Heartland NHS is sponsoring a Community Blood Bank Blood Drive in the circle drive at Heartland Community School on Thursday, October 6th from 10:30 AM to 2 PM. Please support this lifesaving effort by making your appointment today by contacting a Heartland NHS member, Nora Ohrt at the school 402-723-4434 or nohrt@heartlandschools.net.

## Recess Reminder: As Colder Weather Approaches

Active play is a vital part of a child's everyday needs. Please make sure that your children come to school prepared for colder weather. This may mean a heavy coat, and if necessary, a hat, mittens/gloves, and boots. We will be going outside whenever possible as it is important for children to get some fresh air and exercise during the day. Staying indoors for recess will be decided by the elementary principal. If the weather is not severe, children will be outside for recess if the temperature is above 20 degrees and the wind chill is above 10 degrees.

October 2016



Front row: Brooke Weisheit, Shelby Hurlbut, Bailey Ulmer Back row: Kristan Perez, Emily Nunnenkamp, Rachael Dente, Coach Gina Mestl

## High School Volleyball Team



Front row: Megan Kroeker, Ellie Steingard, Leslie Braun, Sidney Hurlbut Middle row: Ana Gage, Karah foyner, Olivia Casper, Kyra Dick, Taylor 2uiring, Sadie Carr, Delaney Siebert, Kristina Rowe, Maddie McKinzie Back Row: Head Coach Sarab Ostmeyer, Katelyn Gage, Halle Peters, Kalea Wetjen, Rhianna Wilbelm, Grace fanzen, Timberly Carr, Allison Kroeker, Assistant Coach Kristin Vandenberg


## HUSKIES SPORTS

## High School Football Team

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Front row: Ben Driewer, Austin Stuhr, Ethan Hall Second Row: Weston Ohrt-Student Mgr, Hayes Oswald, Connor Peters, Lane Huebert, Aaron Buller, Connor Boehr, Kyle Ott -Student Mgr Third row: Merrick Maltsberger Student Mgr, Bryce Allen, Colton Monnier, Fesse Mason, Luke Schaldecker, Ben Mestl, Peyton Ott, Reid Huebert, Zack Quiring-Student Mgr Fourth Row: Morgan Maltsberger, Jackson Stebbing, Cade Oswald, Fosh 2uiring, Fared Nunnenkamp Back row: Head Coach: Matt Maltsberger, Asst Coaches:Greg Veerbusen, Ben Lindsay, Clark Ribble

## 2016-2017 Coaches



L to R: Sara Ostmeyer, Nora Ohrt, Ben Lindsay, Erik Wetjen, Corbin Tessman, Kristin Vandenberg, Marc Regier, Larry Vancura, Mike Bergen, Carrie Regier, Clark Ribble, Greg Veerbusen, Kyle Ediger, Gina Mestl, Matt Maltsberger, Erik Gray

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver school announcements via phone calls and email messages. With this new system, we can also send text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

If you know how to use QR codes, you can scan the image to the right and touch "send".

## November Reminders

November 4 \& 5, 2016
FFA Pathways to Careers Conference in Grand Island
November 7, 2016
Fall Vocal Concert (5-12th) @ 7:30pm
November 14,2016
School Board Meeting @ 7:ooPM
November 25 \& 27, 2015
Fall Break -No School
November 29, 2016
Fall Band Concert @ 7:30

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